



THE PATRIOTIC DOLLAR

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FIRST SALUTE THE FLAG.

War Revenue Tax of \$105,000,000
Levied—Beer Bears Brunt of
Burden.

Congress has levied a war tax of \$105,000,000 to offset a similar amount of loss on import revenue due to the European disturbances and of this amount beer is the heaviest contributor, having been assessed approximately \$50,000,000; a stamp tax on negotiable instruments, it is estimated, will yield \$31,000,000; a tax on the capital stock of banks of \$4,300,000 and a tax on tobacco, perfumes, theater tickets, etc., makes the remainder.

Congress has decreed that the brewer, the banker and the investor must shoulder the musket and march to the front; that milady who would add to her beauty must first tip Uncle Sam, and a dollar that seeks pleasure must first salute the flag; that Pleasure and Profit—the twin heroes of many wars—shall fight the nation's battles and by an ingeniously arranged schedule of taxation congress has shifted the war budget from the shoulders of Necessity to those of Choice and Gain, touching in its various ramifications almost every line of business.

All hail the dollar that bleeds for its country; that bares its breast to the fortunes of war and risks its life to preserve the stability and integrity of the nation's credit.

The market place has always been a favorite stand for war revenue collectors. The trader is a great financial patriot. His dollar is the first to rally around the star-spangled banner and the last to hear the coo of the dove of peace. He is called upon to buy cannon; to feed and clothe the boys in blue and each month cheer their hearts with the coin of the realm. Men can neither be free nor brave without food and ammunition, and money is as important a factor in war as blood. Many monuments have been erected in honor of heroes slain in battles, poems have been written eulogizing their noble deeds and the nation honors its soldiers while they live and places a monument upon their graves when they die, but very little has been said of the dollar that bears the burdens of war.

Honor to the Dollar that Bears the Burdens of War.

All honor to the dollar that answers the call to arms and, when the battle is over, bandages the wounds of stricken soldiers, lays a wreath upon the graves of fallen heroes and cares for the widows and orphans.

All honor to the industries that bend their backs under the burdens of war; lift the weight from the shoulders of the poor and build a bulwark around the nation's credit.

All honor to those who contribute to the necessities and administer to the comforts of the boys who are marching; cool the fever of afflicted soldiers and kneel with the cross beside dying heroes.

A dollar may fight its competitor in business, industries may struggle for supremacy in trade and occupations may view each other with envy or suspicion, but when the bugle calls they bury strife and rally around the flag, companions and friends, mess mates and chums, all fighting for one flag, one cause and one country.

The luxuries in life have always been the great burden-bearers in government. We will mention a few of them giving the annual contributions to the nation's treasury: Liquor, \$250,000,000; tobacco, \$103,000,000; sugar, \$54,000,000; silks, \$15,500,000; diamonds, \$3,837,000; millinery, \$2,479,000; furs, \$2,024,000 and automobiles \$870,000. We collect \$665,000,000 of internal and custom revenue annually and \$450,000,000 of this amount classifies as luxuries, and to this amount we should add the \$100,000,000 war tax now levied.

The war tax is immediately effective. Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! the industries are marching \$100,000,000 strong and beneath the starry flag they will fill the treasury again while they shout, "Hurrah for Uncle Sam!"

Gloves of Varnish.

Skin varnish completely covering the hands is used by some surgeons instead of rubber gloves during surgical operations. So cleverly is the varnish made that it cannot be washed off with water or any liquid likely to be met in the course of an operation; nor can it be scraped off except by scraping off the skin itself, and yet it is about as pliable as very thin rubber. The purpose in using it instead of rubber gloves is to preserve the sensitivity of the touch and make it easier to handle materials such as catgut. The varnish looks like honey. It is rubbed on the hands after they have been washed as thoroughly as possible, and quickly dries. To remove it the hands are washed in another chemical solution.—Saturday Evening Post.

Easily Relieved.

Mr. B.—This window open behind me makes a fearful draft. My teeth are chattering. Mrs. B.—Well, you know you can take them out.—London Opinion.

WHISKER CULTURE.

A Critic Who Does Not Like the Hanging Garden Effect.

In the American Magazine James Montgomery Flagg, writing a piece on "Whisker culture," contributes the following permit to cultivate hanging gardens on the face:

"This is to certify that the bearer, —, has permission to stand on the grass in any part of Central park, or other city parks, during May and June and pretend he is a spruce bush.

"If by any chance he should begin to bear currents or marrows glances he must allow the commissioner of parks first pickings.

"He is required also to permit any uniformed official of the Long Island railroad lost and found department to enter his beard at will, without a written order, and search for lost purses, umbrellas or packages of pressed beef or coins of any denomination.

"On the 2d of February he agrees to step out from his cocoon and, if he sees his own shadow, report it immediately to the board of health and crawl back again.

"In going over his privet hedge in the fall, before putting it in camphor, he must destroy all nests he comes across.

"On national and state holidays he is permitted to string Japanese lanterns in any part of the shrubbery above Forty-second street, but he is forbidden to set off any Roman candles or red light in it.

"During the open season for grouse or caribou he must have his entire beard adequately patrolled. He agrees to report to Washington if any careless tourists start fires in any portion of this tract, especially near any ranches. He agrees to see before retiring that no lighted cigar butts are left smoldering in the underbrush.

"If all these regulations are faithfully carried out his beard will be set aside as a national park in January of the following year."

THE HILL OF TARA.

Where in Ancient Times the Kings of Ireland Were Crowned.

In the county of Meath is supposed to have stood the hill of Tara, celebrated as being the palace of the ancient Irish kings. There seems to be no doubt that on the hill of Tara the national assemblies met once a year to consult on the affairs of the kingdom and to make laws. The lawgivers were a class of druids called Brehons, who acted as magistrates and judges. They did not hold their courts of justice in any hall, but seated themselves on the top of a hill in the open air, where they heard all complaints that were brought before them and decided every cause according to their own ideas of right and wrong.

The hill of Tara is also famous in Irish history as the spot on which the kings were crowned. The throne, or seat of inauguration, was a black stone, which was called Lea Fail, or the fatal stone, said to have been brought in the early ages from Spain, and it was therefore held in high veneration. It was either borrowed by Feargus the Great, an Irish chief, or else it was carried away, among other spoils, by the Scots in one of their invasions of Ireland and was ever afterwards used as a coronation seat of the kings of Scotland at the abbey of Scone until it was conveyed away by force of arms, together with the crown and scepter, by Edward I. to England, who placed it in Westminster abbey, where it still exists and forms the basis of the coronation chair to this day.—Argonaut.

Roosevelt as a Woodchopper.

When he owned a ranch in the west Theodore Roosevelt, as he says in his autobiography, "could chop fairly well for an amateur," but he admits that he could not do one-third of the work that his men did.

"One day," he writes, "when we were cutting down the cottonwood trees to begin our building operations, I heard some one ask Dow what the total cut had been, and Dow, not realizing that I was within hearing, answered, 'Well, Bill cut down fifty-three. I cut forty-nine, and the boss, he beavered down seventeen.' Those who have seen the stump of a tree that has been gnawed down by a beaver," adds Mr. Roosevelt, "will understand the exact force of the comparison."

For the Collection Box.

Jimmy, aged four, had been sent upstairs by his mother to get 10 cents, which she intended to use for the purchase of postage stamps.

Not knowing exactly what a ten cent piece looked like, Jimmy called downstairs, "Mother, is 10 cents a little piece of money?"

"Yes, Jimmy, the smallest piece of money in my purse."

"Oh, I know now, mother! Church money!"—Judge.

A Composite Product.

Mrs. Boggs Mr. Meekman is a splendid example of what a man ought to be. Mr. Boggs—Not on your life! He's a splendid example of what a wife, two sisters, a grown up daughter and a mother-in-law think a man ought to be.—Puck.

Murder in Germany.

Germany distinguishes between two kinds of murder. One, premeditated and intentional, is punishable by death; the second, intentional homicide without deliberation, is punishable by penitentiary servitude for from five to fifteen years.

Duelling in Germany is a misdemeanor of a special kind. Who kills his opponent in a duel is not charged with murder or manslaughter, but with duelling, the punishment for which is detention in a fortress for fifteen years.—London Chronicle.

THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford

Lecturer National Farmers' Union

The farmer gets more out of the fair than anyone else. The fair to a city man is an entertainment; to a farmer it is education. Let us take a stroll through the fair grounds and linger a moment at a few of the points of greatest interest. We will first visit the mechanical department and hold communion with the world's greatest thinkers.

You are now attending a congress of the mental giants in mechanical science of all ages. They are addressing you in tongues of iron and steel and in language mute and powerful tell an eloquent story of the world's progress. The inventive geniuses are the most valuable farm hands we have and they perform an enduring service to mankind. We can all help others for a brief period while we live, but it takes a master mind to tower into the realm of science and light a torch of progress that will illuminate the pathway of civilization for future generations. The men who gave us the sickle, the binder, the cotton gin and hundreds of other valuable inventions work in every field on earth and will continue their labors as long as time.

Their bright intellects have conquered death and they will live and serve mankind on and on forever, without money and without price. They have shown us how grand and noble it is to work for others; they have also taught us lessons in economy and efficiency, how to make one hour do the work of two or more; have lengthened our lives, multiplied our opportunities and taken toil off the back of humanity.

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CALEDONIA COUNTY.

The St. Johnsbury Merchants' association reports that during 1914 the names of 1,395 persons were placed upon the black list of the organization as unworthy of credit.

Business at the Fairbanks Scale factory in St. Johnsbury is looking better than for the corresponding month in many years. Since the first of January many orders have been booked.

Because part of the St. Johnsbury fire alarm system is not considered efficient, the Fairbanks circuit, which includes the Plain and Fairbanks village, is to be entirely rebuilt. The system has been frequently disabled because of too close contact with the high power electric light wires.

John Rickaby, manager of the Towle Maple Products company at St. Johnsbury, which recently gave up that branch of the business, has purchased an interest in the New England Maple Syrup company, Cambridge, Mass., of which he will be manager and practically the head of the business. This is the largest maple syrup concern in the country.

At a recent meeting of the St. Johnsbury Methodist church it was voted to raise \$30,000, toward a fund for rebuilding the church, which recently burned. With the insurance of \$17,000, the fund would be large enough to warrant early action. Some would like the new church on a different location, while others favor the present site.

WEST BURKE

Ruth Humphrey is quite ill with pneumonia.

Rev. J. Q. Angell lectured in Sheffield Saturday evening.

Mrs. Jesse Richardson of Littleton, N. H., visited at Frank Ford's last week.

S. L. Brigham continues to improve slowly, and sits up over two hours each day now.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brockway have been spending a few days in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Farr of St. Johnsbury visited at Mr. Ainger's and Mrs. Clara Ross's last week.

Miss Elizabeth Hoffman of Lyndon visited at W. E. Drown's the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Carnaghan of Toronto visited her daughter, Mrs. Ames, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. A. C. Burns has been at the home of her son, Lennie, in Lyndon during the past week.

Mrs. Sherman Howland is spending two weeks with relatives and friends in Barton and Orleans.

Mrs. H. I. Foster is quite seriously ill and Mrs. McLaughlin of Barton is staying with her for a time.

Mrs. John Darling of Oak Bluffs, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ruggles over Sunday.

Mrs. Louise Stoddard who has been spending the past two or three months in Massachusetts, returned home Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Myrtle Hall Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 2:30 p. m. All members are cordially invited to be present.

Quite a party of Masons attended the district meeting held in Lyndonville Thursday evening, and report a meeting of unusual interest and profit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Colby are spending three months in Newport and Derby Line, where Mr. Colby will paint automobiles as he did last year.

Mrs. Nellie Bugbee and Mrs. Mose Cushman attended the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Cushman in Lyndonville on Tuesday of last week.

A Sunday school institute for the benefit of Sutton, Newark, the East Burke and West Burke schools, will be held here on